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In re Application of HUBBARD et al

Application No.: 10/530,915 PCT No.: PCT/US2005/002809 Int. Filing Date: 02 February 2005 Priority Date: 02 February 2004

Attorney's Docket No.: A4-144-CIP-US

For: ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR FOR

CONNECTING A CABLE TO A

CIRCUIT BOARD

**DECISION** 

This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for matters arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

## **BACKGROUND**

On 08 April 2005, applicants filed papers to enter the national stage of PCT/US2005/002809 using docket number A4-144-CIP-US which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, authorization to charge the required national stage fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1873. This application was given U.S. application number 10/530,915.

On 01 August 2006, a duplicate national stage application for PCT/US2005/002809 was filed by the same attorney. Fees in the amount of \$900.00 were submitted. The U.S. application number was denoted as 10/588,048.

## DISCUSSION

As is evident from the above recited facts, two sets of papers to enter the national stage were submitted for international application PCT/US2005/002809. The end result for an international application designating the United States of America is a single U.S. national stage application.

Therefore, the submission of two sets of national stage papers to enter the United States was improper.

## CONCLUSION

Both applications will be merged into one national stage application for PCT/US2005/002809.

Applicants are advised that U.S. application No. 10/588,048 is no longer a valid U.S. National stage application. The \$900.00 in fees paid in U.S. application No. 10/588,048 have been credited back to Deposit Account No. 50-1873.

Applicants must use only U.S. application No. **10/530,915** for all correspondence to the national stage application of PCT/US2005/002809.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for continued processing.

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